



Response to Comments Process

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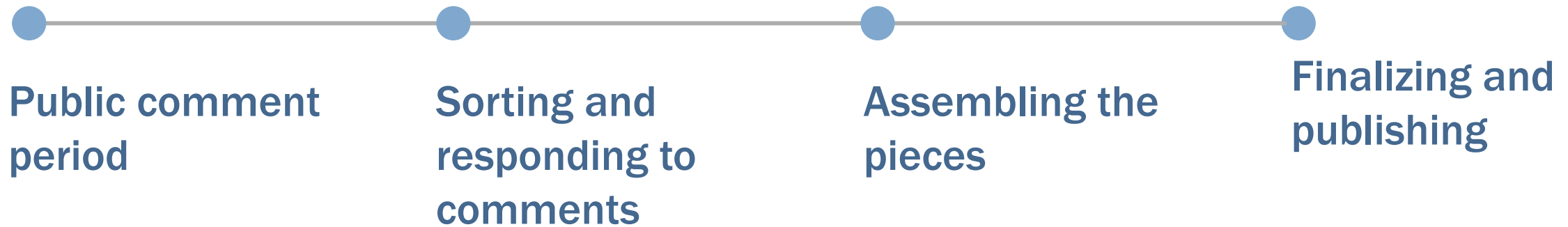
The WAC

Washington Administrative Code 173-303-840 (9)

Response to comments

- When final permit is issued, the department will issue a response to comments.
- This response will:
 - Specify what was changed from the draft permit and why.
 - Describe and respond to all significant comments of the draft permit raised during the public comment period or during any hearing.
 - Be available to the public.

Response to comments process



Class 2 permit modifications – 90 day clock

Class 3 permit modifications – no clock

eComments

Public Comment Form

1 Comment 2 Review 3 Your Copy

Commenting open: **December 07, 2021 12:00AM PT - February 11, 2022 11:59PM PT.**

400 Area Waste Management Unit Class 2 permit modification

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is holding a 60-day public comment period on a proposed Class 2 modification to the Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Permit. DOE and contractor Central Plateau Cleanup Company are requesting the permit modification to remove reference to the FFTF fire alarm system, which no longer provides alarms for the 400 Area WMU. A permit modification is required from Ecology to allow for this change. Removal from the permit will allow for the deactivation of the system, which will also reduce annual maintenance costs.

Please note that this comment form is for the purpose of submitting a comment to the Washington State Department of Ecology. Commenter contact information is optional. Contact information is necessary if you want to receive future notices or responses related to this topic.

Contact Information

All fields are optional unless otherwise indicated.

Submitted By

Individual

First Name

Last Name

Address

City

State

Select a State

ZIP

Email

Your Comment

Comments must be submitted by **February 11, 2022.**

To make a comment, please enter comment(s) in the text area. To submit attachments use the "upload a file" button below. Then hit 'Continue' to review your comment(s).

Next steps: After the close of the comment period, Ecology will make a final decision on the modification and issue an associated Response to Comments document. The Response to Comments document will contain all submitted comments and Ecology's responses. The Response to Comments document will be hosted on the [Nuclear Waste Program Public Comment Period](#) page.

Any information (e.g., personal or contact) you provide on this comment form or in an attachment may be publicly disclosed and posted on the Internet.



Comments are accepted by

- eComments
- Email
- Postal mail
- Hand delivery

Comments received by methods other than eComments, are uploaded into the eComments system for tracking and responding.

Responding

Once comments are received the permit lead and team start reviewing and crafting the responses.

- Does it apply to this comment period?
- Is it within the scope of the modification?
- What type of comment?
 - Technical? Do we need engineering or chemistry support? Do we need to contact USDOE for specific unit information?
 - Non technical: More administrative type comments.
 - Clarify meaning
 - Not understanding the structure of the modification.
- Will the comment impact the draft modification? How?
 - Typos
 - Need more time to respond fully
 - Provides new information
 - Deny permit
 - Reclassify a class 2 to class 3

Comments Received
































































List of Commenters

The table below lists the names of organizations or individuals who submitted a comment on the LERF/ETF Permit modification. The comments and responses are in [Attachment 1](#).

Commenter	Organization
Mike Conlan	Citizen
Anonymous	Citizen
Nancy and Jim Kroening	Citizen
U.S. Department of Energy Hanford Site	U.S. Department of Energy

Comments divided

4 submissions | 16 comments

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Next steps

After the responses are drafted the full response to comment document is assembled. It is in several sections:

- Introduction – what the comment period was about and if the comment impacted the modification.
- The comments and responses – every comment submitted will have a response.
- Public Involvement material – showing how we notified the public of the comment period and how to comment.
- Public hearing transcripts – if there was a public hearing for the comment period, the transcripts are made available.

Final step

After the Response to comment document is finalized, it is published and made available on the [Ecology publications](#) website under the Nuclear Waste Program.

Helpful hints

- Keep comments within the draft permit modification.
- If you have a specific concern, look for a permit modification that is relevant to it. Example: WTP, DFLAW, groundwater
- Make your concerns clear and concise. Use bullets, numbering, or formatting to show each individual statement.
- Try to get comments in earlier in the comment period, so that the permitting team can start crafting responses.



Thank you

Questions?